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A NEW ARGUMENT FOR CONTROLLED BURNING

A patent medicine salesman was overheard discussing the merits of his various products, and his monologue went something like this: "You know, I'm a medical man, and know something about diseases. Now you take bronchitis (his listener muttered under his breath -- 'You take it, brother!') that's a disease that has medical science baffled. It's caused by a fungus -- a mold like that growing on the ground, and this mold grows in the lungs. It can't be cured, but it can be prevented. The best way to prevent bronchitis is to burn off all the grass around your house for a distance of at least half a mile; this kills the mold. Now my medicine won't cure bronchitis -- nothing can do that but nature -- but it sure can help to make it easier to wait for nature to get busy. Remember, to prevent bronchitis burn the mold, and take ....., and everything will be all right."

(An actual conversation overheard in a Florida eating establishment.)

- - - Albert G. Snow, Jr.  
Southern Station.

AND SOME MORE ABOUT PAPER WORK

My deductions from being gathered around with paper work for thirty odd years: -

It seems we can't get away from an abhorrence thereof and will not admit it is a very necessary part of all jobs. That abhorrence increases paper work in itself and especially so when the idea is continually fostered that so many of us have bigger things to do. We encourage a lay-down on a part which is necessary to the job of a public servant.

Contrast a forest officer of twenty years ago with one of today. First thing, oh, yes, the job is more diversified, more everything. But the contrast also reveals longer hours, less talk, less help for paper work and then the officer did the paper work.

Now, too, there are specialists - big-shotting into theory beyond all practicality. We have become a tribe of important people too proud to push a pencil, too engrossed in the big man who does big things in a big way as Louie King said, to recognize the work in paper caused by mere presence, let alone accomplishment. Bring the contrast to that individual who rides his swivel chair with hands back of head and feet on the desk, actually mouthing that he is wearing himself out pondering the problems at hand.

That same individual cries out against the injustice of having to write a diary, prepare an expense account, and submit a Form 26, calling a stenographer to perform these arduous tasks, asking the stenographer even to prepare the expense account from the diary. He likewise fails to keep a set of notes or information at hand so that when needed during those talks that are everlasting, he is at the complete mercy of the file clerk or bookkeeper. Thus, the talk never settled anything. There are too few officers whose jobs are really big enough to eschew paper work. There is no job that does not demand knowledge of the paper work involved in a given procedure and recognition of it instantly. Some of our best thinkers pound on the table for emphasis, and state we make reams of records and endless writings that immediately clog the archives and then are seen no more.

It is humanly impossible to utilize all existing paper work and we can measure its worth only by the tangible physical job well done. What I am trying to state is that the officer in any category must recognize that the job or procedure calls for paper work labor the same as an extra tree to mark or an extra yard of dirt to move. He should never be encouraged to look upon paper work as something apart from his responsibility, his dignity and his fears.

When each officer sincerely comes to this recognition, paper work will decrease. There will be planned accomplishment avoiding excess records. No officer should impose authority or be placed in authority until he knows paper work thoroughly. The Ranger has been a good officer, let's help him by decreasing paper work, not by encouraging him to think it is unimportant.

Consider, why for instance simple forms cannot be filled out without having to be returned for correction, and I have in mind individual time reports as an example; why a diary is written so that it cannot be read; why an ordinary requisition will not include reasonable specifications; and why it takes 16 pieces of paper to hire a mule.

Now that the collective effort must be greater because of war, it is a good time to take stock. Am I causing more work than I am accomplishing? Am I not losing perspective if I don't understand and allow for the detail? Seems somewhere some one stated, the details would win the objective, war or otherwise!

- - Silas B. Helms  
Ozark



## DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS SALES ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

The Chattahoochee Supervisor's office submits the following letter from Acting District Ranger Clark to the Tallulah Ranger District. Clark, in a footnote, says he expects to report 100% participation for the Tallulah for April.

"I am afraid that the low percentage of employees participating in the purchase of bonds and stamps on the Chattahoochee is a result of several of us on this district not participating, or at least not reporting that we are participating. I am sure that most of us are contributing something toward the purchase of defense bonds, but if we don't report it to the office each month, this Forest doesn't get credit for its employees participating in the Service-wide program.

"As stated before, these purchases are voluntary, and you can buy as little as you like, but I would like to report to the Supervisor's office by April 5th that we are all buying something on this District. To date our participation has been only 30% and I realize that with prices going up on food, clothing, and feed that it will be a hardship for some of you to buy these, but if we remember that it is for defense and that it is only a loan on which you are paid interest, I see no reason why we can't all sacrifice a little each month.

"I just received a letter from Louis Davis who is now in Pearl Harbor and I believe that if one of our employees can give up his job to volunteer all of his time and risk his life to defend us here at home, the least we can do is to buy him a gun.

"I am writing to the Supervisor for additional pledge cards and if you do not have one let me know and I will send you one when they come in."

### REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SALE OF DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Number of employees on payroll	1769
Number of participants	1406
Percentage of participation	79

#### Bonds and Stamps

a. Purchases previously reported	\$90,228.50
b. Purchases since last report	18,386.80
c. Total purchases to date	\$109,215.30

#### Purchases by enrollees (Caribbean National Forest)

a. Previously reported	\$1,923.60
b. Purchased since last report	1,419.00
c. Total purchased to date	\$3,342.60

The patriotic plan - Buy what bonds you can. Keep 'em flying!

## NEW AIRCRAFT WARNING PROJECT

There has been set up in the Regional Office a new unit under the Executive Division, with W. A. Freret in charge. The purpose of the new unit is fairly well defined in its title "Aircraft Warning Service Project". It is designed to assist the Interceptor Commands in the detection of enemy aircraft and will function as the administrative and coordinating agency in all matters pertaining to the use of communication facilities and lookout posts of the Forest Service and the State Forest Services in Region 8. The new office with its maps, colored pins and buzz of activity is an impressive reminder of the part of forests in actual warfare.

Miss Elizabeth Mason is "General" Freret's capable assistant. G. A. Knight is on detail in the unit to bring communication facilities up to Army standards.

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## PREACHING WHAT HE PRACTICES

The philosophy that an individual's full duty requires not only that he do the right and necessary thing himself but also that he urge others to follow the same course, finds expression in the letter below. It was written by Supervisor Philip H. Bryan of the Ouachita National Forest to a tractor company and is an excellent reminder to the rest of us to use the same care and thoughtfulness.

"We appreciate your courtesy in keeping us informed of the latest developments in your line of machinery; however, we feel that in the interest of National Defense and conservation of paper, we should receive only a single copy of your publications.

"Please notify your mailing department to send us only one copy in the future, using the address in our letterhead. We will see that all departments interested in this equipment receive the pamphlet."

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## ATTENTION! REGIONAL OFFICE INCOME TAX PAYERS -- (And who isn't?)

"You know, Bill?, I overheard as I went down the hall, "I believe I've got this income tax business licked".

"Licked? You're the first one I ever heard say that", said Bill.

"Here's how it works. Last year I paid Uncle Sam's revenue collector about \$100 - this year over \$300 and I'm looking forward to about \$900 next year. Now that's a lot of money to dig up in one hunch or even by quarters, so I borrowed \$300 from the \$500 that I was fortunate enough to have on deposit with our Credit Union in order to pay this year's tax. Now ordinarily I'd pay that back at the rate of \$25 per month for 12 months, but instead I'm paying back \$75 each month. Come next March 15 I'll have \$900 on deposit (of course I'll have to take out a membership for my wife

because I'll be exceeding the \$500 deposit limitation) and I'll just borrow my own \$900 (or as much as I need) and pay Uncle's increased demands. Easy, huh?"

"Yeah, but how about the interest that you'll pay the Credit Union?" Bill thought he had him there. "Sure, I pay them considerable interest - about \$45 altogether, but I'll get that much or more in dividends, so I'm not so bad off - and what's most important, I'll have the \$900 when I need it - which I might not otherwise."

"Sounds like you've got something there, and looks especially good for the fellows that will pay - say a hundred or two or three next March. Who does one talk to to get the dope? Just see any officer of the Credit Union, but especially Herms up in Room 911. He'll be glad to explain the details to anyone".

You folks who have been wondering just what you are going to do about next March 15th's income tax payment can do well to follow this guy's lead. If you haven't been worrying about it, you better had, because Uncle Sam isn't going to be fooling when he asks for it - and what's more, he needs it!

- - G. W. Root  
Regional Office

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#### IF ONE CAN'T LICK 'EM TWO CAN

If Mahomet cannot go to the mountain the mountain will come to Mahomet. A close parallel to this has recently been reenacted on the Ozark National Forest.

One of the fire guards detailed to a tower and held there for an indefinite period pending a break in the severe fire weather suddenly realized that his previous plans to get married several days hence would probably not materialize. Much to his surprise on the wedding day, the bride-to-be appeared at the tower with an escort who turned out to be a minister.

The wedding took place according to schedule and following the ceremony the minister returned to town alone.

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Mrs. W. N. Sloan, wife of W. N. Sloan of the Regional Office, Division of Engineering, died on March 20 after a brief illness. Besides her husband, Mrs. Sloan is survived by three sons, Lt. Neville Sloan of Fort Bragg, N. C., Capt. George Sloan now stationed in Alaska, and Bobby Sloan of Camp Wheeler. The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of all Region 8.

SOS! SHARE OUR SUCCESS - Buy Defense Bonds.



THE "WONDER STATE" LIVES UP TO ITS NAME.

Two of the Forest Service employees from Arkansas give outstanding performance in the military services of the Nation!

Lewis R. Grosenbaugh, Management Assistant on the Ozark National Forest enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve and was sent to North-western University for a four months training course terminating in his commission as Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve. The school enrolled only boys with college degrees. After completion of the training period, Lewis finished third in a class of several hundred (He explained his poor showing by the fact that he had to get out of a sick bed to take the final examination.) Lewis refused an offer to teach at the school and is now making an excellent record at the torpedo training school on the west coast.

Several days after Kenneth F. Reamey, former employee of the Ouachita and Regional Office, Division of Engineering, was inducted into the Army at Little Rock, he dominated the headlines of the Arkansas papers. Kenneth pulled the rabbit out of his basket of tricks and made a perfect score on the Army's mechanical aptitude test. He was the first ever to answer all the 150 questions correctly during the examination at the induction station, and is believed to be one of the first in the Army ever to make such a record. As a result of his good grade, Kenneth is eligible for officer's candidate school after serving his basic training period.

Lots of luck to these boys, and hard luck to the Japs.

-- W. C. Branch  
Clark

(Editor's note. Ensign Grosenbaugh and Private Reamey give indication of following the example set by another notable Arkansan --- General Douglas MacArthur.)

MARCH ON

Since the last issue of the DIXIE RANGER a letter has been received in the office from Reagor P. Hearn, dateline "At Sea", expressing the sentiment that he is "anxious to do something constructive about winning this war". Reagor says that Dennis Ryan continues to make a good record, "being one of the most efficient soldiers in this unit".

Charles Grano of the Chattahoochee submits the following:

"Word has just been received from Louis L. Davis, who formerly put many a "U S" on the butt ends of logs on the Tallulah District, but who is now busy putting his shoulder to the butt end of a gun with the U. S. Marines.

"Louis states that he has come through his preliminary training in the Marine "Boot Camp" with flying colors and is now a full fledged leatherneck.



From the Chattahoochee -- Heartiest congratulations and wishes for your speedy return to its mountains."

Mr. Brooks of Operation saw Kenneth Coleman, formerly of the Regional Office at Alexandria, La. recently. He is in the Reception Center at Camp Beauregard and asked to be remembered to his friends in the Regional Office.

Major Frank C. Stone from Camp Lee, Virginia reminds a dilatory correspondent in the Regional Office ---"Write me a letter or I'll quit defending you."

Since the last issue of the DIXIE RANGER, the following men have been ordered into active service with the armed forces:

Edward N. Cooper	Earnest A. Golden
J. Frank Palmer	James C. Permenter
Walter S. Mullins	William E. Hawkins
Nevil B. Rogers	J. Frederick Pomeroy, Jr.
L. D. Harrison	Donat L. Pigeon
Harry R. Tomlinson	Thomas F. Swofford
John H. Stone	Emil F. Meyer
Lewis H. Croesenbaugh	

#### LAMINATED DIVING BOARD

A design for laminated diving board is available. It is a standard design of approved safety, to be constructed out of ordinary materials, taken from Technical Note Number 244, "How to make a laminated diving board", issued by the Forest Products Laboratory in August 1940. Only a few minor modifications are necessary. This design is recommended to those forests having to replace diving boards at recreation areas this season, lacking adequate finances to purchase standard manufactured boards, but having the means to carry on a little shop construction. Cost of material is estimated at \$30, present prices.

Later, this drawing will be reproduced and distributed as a Recreation Improvement Handbook plate. Meanwhile, blueprints will be furnished on requisition to the Regional Office.

- - W. H. Reinsmith  
Regional Office

"The life of your tires can be increased by at least 5,000 miles, says Dr. S. D. Lesesne, of Oklahoma City University, by the following formula: Rub the tire vigorously with a small rag saturated with glycerine. Then while the glycerine is still damp, rub powdered sulphur over the surface of the rubber. The glycerine serves to preserve the elasticity of the rubber and the sulphur gives a glossy insulating finish. The treatment should be given twice monthly for best results".

-- American Nurseryman

## LIBRARY LINES

COST CONTROL IN THE LOGGING INDUSTRY by D. M. Matthews. 1st edition. McGraw-Hill, 1942. 374 p., tables, diagrs. (American forestry series). \$4.00

WOOD TECHNOLOGY: CONSTITUTION, PROPERTIES, AND USES by Harry D. Tie-mann. Pitman publishing corp., 1942. 316 p., illus. \$3.50.

The basis of this book consisted in a series of articles which appeared in the Southern Lumberman from July 1938 to April 1941. "Lessons in wood technology."

MANUAL OF JOB EVALUATION: PROCEDURES OF JOB ANALYSIS AND APPRAISAL by E. J. Bengé and others. Harpers (c.1941). 198 p., charts. \$3.00.

HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE: 1789 to the present, by the United States Civil Service Commission. Govt. print. office, 1941. 162 p., illus. Partial contents: Spoils vs. merit in the early period, 1789--1929; The spoils system at its height, 1829-1861; First experiments in a merit system, 1861-1883; Beginning of modern public administration, 1901-1919; The merit system today, 1933-1941. Civil-service pledges of the two major political parties, p. 141.

FOREST MENSURATION by Donald Bruce and F. K. Schumacher. 2nd edition. McGraw-Hill, 1942. 425p., illus. \$4.00.

The new edition includes a rewritten chapter on sampling to include recent advances in the mathematical theory of sampling as applied to timber cruising and other forestry problems; a new chapter on the construction of taper tables and their use in timber cruising. "The greatest change in emphasis in modern mensuration is in connection with determinations of timber quality and value as contrasted with quantity alone; a new chapter has been added on this subject."

SEEDING AND PLANTING IN THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY: A MANUAL FOR THE GUIDANCE OF FORESTRY STUDENTS, FORESTERS, NURSERYMEN, FOREST OWNERS, AND FARMERS, by the late James W. Toumey and C. K. Korstian. 3rd ed. Wiley, 1942. 520 p., illus. \$5.00. The 3rd edition includes new data on seed extraction (kiln drying); seed storage; mechanization of nursery operations; planting surveys and plans; up-to-date methods of direct seeding in artificial regeneration.

### REGION 8 LIBRARY NOW A PART OF THE USDA LIBRARY

Executive Order 9069 and the Secretary's Memorandum 973, Supplement 1, of February 26, 1942, place all libraries of the Department of Agriculture under the supervision of Department Librarian Ralph R. Shaw. The Forest Service library, and other Bureau libraries, in Washington, have now been consolidated with the Main Department Library. Libraries in the field will work in closer touch with the Main Library through the Division of Field Library Services, of which Mrs. Mildred B. Williams, former Forest Service Librarian, is Chief.

Forest personnel will continue to request material through the Regional library.

-- Rachel Lane, Librarian

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Probationary appointment has been effected for Mrs. Lois H. Rutherford as Junior Clerk-Stenographer in the Alabama Supervisor's office.

Louis Carl Maisenhelder, Senior Conservation Aide on the Mississippi has been transferred to Hinesville, Georgia, where he is assigned as Inspector on the Savannah Naval Stores District.

James L. Coleman, Jr., Naval Stores Inspector on the Pensacola District has tendered his resignation to accept employment in the U. S. Post Office at Meadville, Mississippi.

Probationary appointment has been effected for Miss Lottie I. Strickland as Junior Stenographer in the Regional Division of State and Private Forestry.

William K. Dobson has been probationally appointed as Assistant Messenger in the Regional Division of Operation.

Senior Conservation Aide Kermit W. Hodgins of the South Carolina has tendered his resignation to accept private employment.

Effective March 15, Assistant Forester N. Wesley Sentell was transferred from the Ashe Nursery to the Emergency Rubber Project at Salinas, California.

Senior Conservation Aide Edwin P. Ahern of the Florida has been transferred to Orlando, Florida, where he is assigned as Inspector on the Jacksonville Naval Stores District.

Effective March 16, Mr. William C. Hammerle, State Forester of South Carolina, was appointed in the U. S. Forest Service as Collaborator so that he may cooperate with the Forest Service on CCC activities.

## THE LOOKOUT

Regional Fiscal Agent Marshall left March 27 on a detail in New York for about two weeks in connection with the Guayule Emergency Rubber Project.

Lt. George F. Gruschow, formerly in charge of Lee Experimental Forest and now in the Army, visited the Regional Office on March 7.

Miss Margaret Collins has returned to the office after an illness of two months.

Mr. Owen Owen, reimbursement and travel account auditor, and Mr. Loren J. Clark, receipts clerk, both of the Division of Fiscal Control, Regional Office, have accepted positions with the Office of Emergency Management as of April 16, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert C. Cain are in San Francisco, California, where Mr. Cain is with the National Defense Mapping Project.



The Regional Office has two brand new babies - a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Broom on April 3, and Dianne Durden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Durden arrived on April 10. Congratulations to the parents and all good wishes to the two young ladies.

On Easter Sunday afternoon Miss Genevieve Hutchens of Atlanta was married to William Johnston Barbour at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. "Bill" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Barbour; Mr. Barbour being Associate Forester in the Division of Information and Education. The young couple will make their home in Atlanta and all good wishes are extended to them.

The folks in Recreation and Lands announce, with deep regret, that the South Carolina Forests have beat them out of Reynolds Florance-- but hope he'll like his new surroundings as much as they've enjoyed having him in the Regional Office.

Recent Office visitors were:

Mr. Frank Woolridge, Division of Engineering, Washington Office.

E. J. Holcomb, BAE, Washington

B. B. Powell, BAE, Washington

Mr. J. B. Cullum, Jr., Montgomery Paper Co.

J. O. Wilson and W. E. Soles of the Anglo Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd.

L. M. Ware, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

Dr. C. E. Korstian, Dean, School of Forestry, Duke University

W. L. Lane, Project Forester, Pearson, Ga.

Dr. T. S. Buie, Regional Conservator, SCS, Spartanburg, S. C.

Julian Brown, FLB, Columbia

Major H. B. Donaldson, Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Craig Field, Selma, Ala.

Mr. J. E. McCaffrey, International Paper Co., Mobile, Ala.

Brooks Toler, State Forester, Montgomery, Ala.

H. G. Dasher and W. L. Moore, SCS., Tifton, Ga.

Supervisors Bryan and Riebold

Naval Stores District Supervisors, House, Tinker and Nevers.

J. A. Cope, Ext. Professor of Forestry, Cornell

A. G. Simson, U. S. Forest Service, Washington

Assistant Regional Forester C. F. Evans is on a trip to the Caribbean National Forests, Puerto Rico.

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DON'T FORGET! Buy Defense bonds and stamps as often as you can and as many as you can.

" AU REVOIR "

With this issue, the DIXIE RANGER suspends publications "for the duration", in compliance with instructions from the Chief's office. The Department is making drastic reductions in the amount of duplicated material emanating from its agencies, and the SERVICE BULLETIN and regional house organs are among the first victims of this step to save time, paper and ink.

Since its beginning, the purpose has been to make the DIXIE RANGER a source for keeping us mutually acquainted with the work and with each other; to bind us together more closely in interest and cooperation. We hope it has justified its existence and that the field regrets this temporary "breaking of the tie that binds" as we regret it. But pending our resumption of publication, we cheerfully accept whatever seems to be in the best interest of the important job to be done. Actually, this is not "good-bye" but "so long -- until we meet again."

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